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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2544

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: ICELANDIC POSITION VIS-A-VIS BOUNDARY WITH JAN MAYEN AT AL

1. INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH HEAD OF ICELANDIC DELEGATION TO GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE INDICATE THAT GOI CONSIDERING POSITION OF BOUNDARIES VIS-VIS THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH ADJACENT TERRITORIES. HEAD OF DELEGATION ANDERSEN REPORTED TO DELOFF THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT GOI CONCENTRATE AT THIS TIME ON EXTENSION OF FISHERIES LIMITS AND AWAIT OUTCOME OF THE LOS CONFERENCE ON QUESTION OF NATIONAL LIMITS FOR ECONOMIC ZONE AND FOR SEABED, IF LATTER GOES BEYOND TWO HUNDRED MILE LIMIT.

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2. NEVERTHELESS ANDERSEN REQUESTED "PROFESSIONAL ADVICE" OF DEPARTMENT'S GEOGRAPHER WHO GENTLY REFUSED OFFER AS POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH U.S. INTEREST. PRESSING DELOFF WITH "THEORETICAL" QUESTIONS, IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT ICELANDIC THINKING IS BASED UPON QUESTION OF "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" IN RELATION TO SMALL UNINHABITED ISLANDS, E.G. JAN MAYEN AND PERHAPS ROCKALL, AND "NATURAL PROLONGATION" OF ICELANDIC LAND MASS IN RELATION TO OTHER AREAS.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT BASIC GOI POSITION ON BOUNDARIES WITH OTHER STATES IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, WITH ANDERSEN STRESSING THAT GOI SHOULD, AT PRESENT, CONCENTRATE ON ISSUE OF FISHERIES JURISDICTION WITH A STRONG RECOMMENDATION NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN "CONTINENTAL SHELF" QUESTIONS PENDING EITHER COMMITTEE II PACKAGE AT GENEVA OF FINAL TREATY ON ALL LOS QUESTIONS. SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT GOI AT LEAST CONSIDERING OTHER BOUNDARIES THAN EQUIDISTANCE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN ICELAND AND CERTAIN NEIGHBORING TERRITORIES.

4. ANDERSEN INDICATED HE MIGHT MAKE A MAP AVAILABLE TO DELOFF WHICH IF INDICATIVE OF GOI POSITION, WILL BE REPRODUCED AND SENT TO EMBASSIES CONCERNED ON CLASSIFIED BASIS.  
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